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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was mostly steady to about steady. Retail demand was slow to fair with limited features. Food service was light to moderate, best for fast food promotions. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate. Wings were close to tight and dark meat was adequate to well cleared. Breast items were adequate to ample with boneless skinless in the longest position. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 70.00 based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 74.75 cents last year on July 20, 2005.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	156.50
BREASTS - B/S	145.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	75.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	84.50
LEG QUARTERS	38.00
WINGS	83.00

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand into all channels for midweek was slow to moderate, best for ads and fast food specials. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate. Wings were close balanced to short and held with confidence. Breast items were readily available with limited interest, but dark meat was no more than adequate and moving well. In production areas, live supplies were moderate to light at mixed weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly fair and about as expected for mid-week trading. Offerings of all sizes were more than sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, wings were in good balance to well cleared. Boneless skinless breasts were readily available and slow to clear; bone-in breasts were at least adequate for current needs. Other items were generally adequate and clearing satisfactorily.

MIDWEST REGION Whole broiler/fryer market tone was about steady with additional offerings generating very limited trade interest. Retail demand was slow for the most part, occasionally fair on active features. Food service movement was irregular, but light to moderate overall. Trade expectations were for little improvement near term as uncomfortable hot weather patterns diminish consumer appetites and shopping patterns. Floor stocks were adequate to plentiful; weights mostly in a desirable range. Parts offerings were light on wings, light to moderate on drums, thighs and leg quarters, and fully adequate on breast cuts. The market tone was steady to firm on wings and leg items, and steady to weak on breasts.

WESTERN REGION Trade sentiment was about steady. Offerings were in fair balance on whole body product less than 3.5 pounds, ample on heavier weights. Retailer demand was moderate overall best to cover promotions. Floor stocks were adequate to heavier than desired. Parts were steady to fully steady.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 214 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 15, 2006. This was down slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 15, 2006. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through July 15, 2006 were 4.89 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES

	WEEK ENDING 07/15/06	2006	2005	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	214,329	214,405	0	
CHICKS PLACED	174,237	175,429	-01	

Source: NASS, USDA

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 26-Aug-06 is estimated at 160.5 million head. This compares to 161.0 million head the previous week and to 165.7 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 169.5 million head and the composite weighted average price was 71.38 cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	790	110.00-174.00	-	124.00
TENDERLOINS	203	116.00-164.00	121-125	122.72
BREAST - LINE RUN	116	69.00-75.00	-	72.36
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	188	38.00-56.00	40	40.36
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	585	33.00-38.00	35	35.33
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,055	34.00-39.00	36-37	36.66
WINGS (WHOLE)	285	72.00-82.00	78-80	78.67
WINGS (CUT)	270	95.00-103.00	99-101	99.07
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR

RANGE 46.50-52.50
TODAY'S AVERAGE 49.56

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	710	115.00-175.00	-	125.35
TENDERLOINS	213	119.00-154.00	-	121.44
BREAST - LINE RUN	157	65.00-75.00	70-74	70.64
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	236	38.00-56.00	39	39.16
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	585	32.00-37.00	35	34.88
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	971	33.00-39.00	36-37	35.96
WINGS (WHOLE)	285	74.00-82.00	-	79.96
WINGS (CUT)	280	96.00-103.00	-	100.27
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	102	75.00-91.00	-	81.78

F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE 48.00-52.50
TODAY'S AVERAGE 50.64
5-DAY AVERAGE 49.79

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying interest was noted as mostly fair during midweek trading. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts were fully adequate to instances ample; bone-in breasts were fully sufficient for current needs. Leg cuts and wings were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was at least steady to fully steady for wings, legs and tenders; about steady to barely steady for breast items.

*ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	135-140	125.28	753,680
TENDERLOINS	120-125	116.83	248,392
BREAST - WITH RIBS	76-77	81.42	104,400
BREAST - LINE RUN	76	76.80	90,000
LEGS	46-47	43.05	166,560
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	38-39	37.32	337,000
DRUMSTICKS	38-39	41.05	164,960
THIGHS	28-29	39.53	72,510
B/S THIGHS	83-84	84.07	119,370
WINGS (WHOLE)	88-89	83.66	186,300
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.45	19,880
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	25.99	22,880
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	50.25	23,680

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	135-140	128.77	621,600
TENDERLOINS	120-125	118.37	190,130
BREAST - WITH RIBS	76-77	85.93	71,560
BREAST - LINE RUN	76	77.51	88,200
LEGS	46-47	43.76	222,920
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	38-39	38.62	270,600
DRUMSTICKS	38-39	42.71	129,840
THIGHS	28-29	39.39	59,960
B/S THIGHS	83-84	83.83	100,840
WINGS (WHOLE)	88-89	86.54	194,420
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.73	17,800
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	24.03	9,480
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	52.01	13,600

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

ESTIMATED CUMULATIVE OF BROKEN FILTERS (IN THOUSANDS)								AVG
	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL	WTS
	(1,000)		(1,000)				(1,000)	
	07/19	07/18	07/17	07/14	07/17	07/14	07/12	07/10
Alabama	4,086	4,103	4,045	4,049	5.27	5.19	3,914	5.39
Arkansas	5,382	5,406	5,223	5,442	5.24	4.99	5,281	5.36
Delmarva	2,233	2,277	1,981	2,559	5.61	5.59	2,265	5.72
KY-LA-TN	2,173	2,137	2,137	2,259	5.08	4.90	2,147	5.01
Mississippi	2,763	2,898	2,913	3,065	5.77	5.48	2,620	5.70
North Car	2,542	2,558	2,470	2,750	6.68	6.71	2,474	6.71
Texas	2,511	2,489	2,473	2,449	5.25	5.16	2,522	5.28
Total	21,690	21,868	21,242	21,998	5.50	5.37	21,223	5.56
Mon-Wed	65,151 (A)						64,368 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 19-Jul-06 is estimated to be 32,451,000 head up 1.90 percent from a week ago and down -3.29 percent from a year ago. (Last week 31,847,000, last year 33,556,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	91-100
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-108
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	65-74
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	89-103
	DRY PACK	108-114
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	100
	DRY PACK	111-118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	88-102
	DRY PACK	102-109
DUCKS		185-190

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 22-Jul-06

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	07/22/06 (1)	07/15/06
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
Broiler/fryer	163,850 (2)	164,388
Light hens	1,081	1,111
Heavy hens	1,501	1,566
Total	166,432	167,065

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 22-Jul-06 is 164.1 million head compared to 172.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 164.2 million head or 0.1 million more than estimated available. For the week of 29-Jul-06 the estimated available is 164.0 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 07/17/06	110,246	64,997
AM 07/01/06	105,590	67,467
CHG	4,656	-2,470
PCT CHG	4	-4

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	07/17/06	07/10/06	07/18/05	07/17/06	07/10/06	07/18/05
PACIFIC COAST	554	612	3,941	8,302	8,267	6,636
LOS ANGELES	191	238	66	2,856	3,020	3,105

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF JULY 17, 2006

	RANGE
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	67-76
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	68-79

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 07/18/06

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	.60	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	2.50	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	1.25	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	1.25	5.25	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	2.00	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	1.00	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.00	5.50	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	1.60	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	4.00	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	.75	1.00	.84	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	-	-	-	RABBITS ea.	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.00	3.25	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS	37						

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending July 14, 2006

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	56.41	127.64	65.88	12.35	4.12	53.53
High	61.76	131.75	74.11	16.47	8.23	53.53
Mostly	57.64	127.64	69.99	12.35	4.12	53.53

SAN JUAN

Low	55.58	127.64	61.76	12.35	6.18	53.53
High	59.29	131.75	69.99	16.47	8.23	53.53
Mostly	57.64	131.75	61.76	12.35	6.18	53.53

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	56.82	127.64	65.88	12.35	4.12	49.41
High	58.88	131.75	74.11	16.47	8.23	49.41
Mostly	57.64	127.64	69.99	12.35	4.12	49.41

BECERRA

Low	55.58	127.64	74.11	12.35	8.23	61.76
High	61.76	131.75	78.23	20.59	12.35	61.76
Mostly	57.64	127.64	74.11	16.47	8.23	61.76

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair and about normal for midweek activity. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate with the bulk of availability from current production. Live supplies were moderate; weights were in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 64 to 77 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, wings were tight. Leg cuts were adequate to fully adequate, instances well cleared. Breast items were adequate to barely adequate.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

**BRANDED
U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE	61-78
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A)Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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